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Regulation for Virus-Free Citrus Propagative Material (NOM-079-FITO-2002)

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Report Highlights:

On May 22, 2002, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) a final regulation to establish the phytosanitary requirements to produce and transport virus-free citrus propagative material.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a final phytosanitary regulation published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on May 22, 2002.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On May 22, 2002, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) the final regulation that establishes the phytosanitary requirements to produce and transport virus-free citrus propagative material and other viruses associated with citrus (NOM-079-FITO-2002). As reported in the draft regulation (MX1112), the objective of this NOM is to establish the phytosanitary requirements and specifications to produce and transport virus-free citrus propagative material and other viruses associated with citrus. These regulations apply to propagative material, production areas, transportation, and commercial growers. Imported propagative material must originate from certified institutions and comply with SAGARPA's requirements. According to citrus growers, most of the propagative material that is imported into Mexico is already being monitored by SAGARPA authorities.

Any person or institution interested in producing and selling citrus propagative material free of the virus should present to SAGARPA's Plant Health Office a form (SV-01), included in the NOM, indicating that they are initiating/registering business and complying with the requirements. Requirements differ if the business is a germplasm bank, a tree lot, an orchard producing certified seed that is free of the virus, or a green house producing certified plants that are free of the virus. SAGARPA or the verification units will verify, in not more than 60 days, that the unit complies with the requirements. Any shipment of propagative material that is transported within the different states in Mexico should have a phytosanitary certificate issued by the verification units.

Title: Regulation for Virus Free Citrus Propagative Material (NOM-0079-FITO-2002)

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: May 22, 2002

2. Effective Date: May 23, 2002

Products Affected: Citrus propagative material

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food

Other Mexican Official Norms that will be used to enforce this norm are:

REGULATION	PUBLICATION DATE	FAS REPORT #
NOM-031-FITO-2000 Establishment of a Campaign Against Citrus Tristeza Virus	August 10, 2001	MX1123
NOM-011-FITO-1995 Establishment of an external quarantine to prevent the introduction of citrus diseases and pests into Mexico	September 24, 1996	MX6132
NOM-007-FITO-1995 Phytosanitary Requirements and Specifications for the Import of Propagative Plant Material	November 30, 1998	MX9007

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